ambushed at Khumbong-Komthoujam, about 10 kms. from Imphal by suspected PLA extremists. In the firing by the extremists, Kumari Vandana Malik and a constable were killed on the spot and four others were injured including a Head Constable. The Head Constable later died in the hospital. The miscreants took away a service revolver, a stengun and two. 303 rifles besides some quantity of ammunition. Operation has been launched in and around the place of occurrence of incident to apprehend the culprits. A criminal case has been started and the State Government have decided to transfer investigation of the case to the CBI.

(c) Meitei Extremist Organisations namely People's Liberation Army (PLA), People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK), United National Liberation Front (UNLF), Kangleipak Communist Party (KCP) and their allied bodies have been declared as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The entire State of Manipur stands declared as Disturbed Area under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act 1958 and army is conducting counter insurgency operations. Arrangements for better coordination between different agencies involved in the operations against the extremists have been made. A close watch is being maintained on the activities of extremists.

(d) There are no reports to confirm the involvement of any foreign country. However, these extremists are getting inspiration and assistance from insurgent groups across the border.

IMF's Suggestion on Foreign Exchange Formula under FERA

369. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Monetary Fund has suggested to the Government of India the dilution of the existing foreign exchange formula under FERA to encourage increasing flow of direct foreign investment in country's economy; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) whether the subject was discussed during the Finance Minister's talk with IMF officials in Washington recently; if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Condonation of Delay in Submission of Cases for Pension to Freedom Fighters

370. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 420 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th March, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in taking any final decision for condonation of delay in submission of cases for freedom fighters pension; and

(b) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Comments had to be invited from the Chairman of the Committee. They have been received and action is being taken to finalise the cases early.

ISI of Pakistan

371. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inter-Services Intelligence Agency of Pakistan has direct involvement with the terrorist activities in Punjab and also with that